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“What hath God wrought?”

On January 15, 1846, Samuel Morse received patent
for an improved single-wire telegraph system.

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Speaker of the evening:

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Retired Chairperson of The United States Mint Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee

**on the topic of
‘Morse Code on Money’**



MORSE CODE ON MONEY

Victory Coins Symbols of Hope

The Royal Canadian Mint re-issued the wartime Victory nickel to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe. About 60 million of the Victory nickel coins went into circulation on May 4, 2005.

The Victory nickel was originally designed to promote the Canadian war effort during World War II and was in circulation from 1943 to 1945.

The V symbol on the Victory nickel has a double meaning. It serves as both a representation of Winston Churchill's V for Victory sign and of the Roman numeral V for five cents. The flaming torch in the centre of the design represents sacrifice.

The original World War II Victory nickel had 12 flat edges so it could be differentiated from a penny when it tarnished. The new Victory nickel has a plain round edge.

Victory in Europe Day, or VE-Day, was officially celebrated on May 8, 1945.



Canadian Victory Nickels (1943-1945)

In late 1942, Thomas Shingles engraved a new reverse for the nickel with a "V" for Victory; 25 million 5-cent coins in tombac were struck in 1943. The phrase "We Win When We Work Willingly" in Morse Code is engraved around the edge of the coin. The 5-cent tombac coin had a short life because copper was rationed during the war. Steel plated with layers of nickel and chrome replaced tombac on January 1, 1944, and was used until 1945.



British 2001 Two Pound Gold Proof

This coin commemorates the 100th Anniversary of the first wireless transatlantic telegraph transmission by Guglielmo Marconi in 1901. The design includes wireless waves, a spark of electricity linking the zeros of the date, and a series of three dots, the Morse code letter "S", which represents the signal that was transmitted in 1901.



The US 50th Anniversary of World War II \$5 gold commemorative dollar

Dated 1991-1995, features "dot-dot-dash" superimposed over a capital "V". The Morse Code, spelling the letter V, reinforces the symbolism.



Canada's 2010 Silver Dollar

Celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Navy with the Canadian Navy's motto: "Ready Aye Ready/Prêt QuiPrêt" in Morse Code surrounding the HMCS Sackville.

\$2 Silver Certificate.

American inventors Robert Fulton (steamboat developer) and Samuel F. B. Morse (co-developer of the Morse code) are depicted on the reverse of the \$2 Silver Certificate.

